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PROBE FOR DETECTING A

HIGHLY ORDERED STRUCTURAL SITE OF A SINGLE STRANDED NUCLEIC ACID OF A GENE, AND A

METHOD AND A DEVICE FOR

DETECTING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

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In complete response to the Office Action mailed on October 18, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed on February 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: